



**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of:

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For: ACE GENOTYPE WHICH CORRELATES WITH IMPROVED SUCCESS IN  
SODIUM EXCRETION IN HYPERTENSIVES WITH EXERCISE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for response has been extended one month from November 8, 2003 to December 8, 2003, with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.